Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 21 Aug 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 22 Aug 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 21 Aug 2021 at 03:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence in general wet and cloudy weather on Saturday but less confidence in amount of rainfall and timings. High confidence in more settled conditions for early next week.

Headline for Saturday 21 Aug 2021: Outbreaks of rain and a cloudy day with lots of hill fog and poor visibility.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 21 Aug 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Dull	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	20%	40%	30%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 21 Aug 2021

Weather: Rain overnight will tend to ease and become more drizzly and light through the morning. Even the possibility of a few brighter spells for Skye and more western ranges like Torridon. Further showers and outbreaks of rain will develop during the afternoon and these may become quite heavy with a rumble of thunder possible, showers may become quite slow moving and prolonged, Skye is likely to remain dry until the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% or less, most ranges will see a lot of low cloud and hill fog associated with the rain Saturday except perhaps the Cuillin where there will be a few cloud breaks from late morning.

Visibility: Visibility will generally be poor in extensive low cloud, bases for most ranges will be from 500m up, for the ranges further west the cloud may be more scattered or broken from 600m and the best chance of clear tops will be in the afternoon on Skye. From mid afternoon low cloud will become quite extensive around heavy showers further east. General visibility below the cloud base will be moderate or poor at times in rain and drizzle.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	21/25 S	13/16 S	10/13 S	7/10 W	7/9 SW	5/7 N	4/5 E
900	20/23 S	12/15 S	8/11 S	7/9 W	6/9 SW	5/6 N	4/5 E
600	14/17 S	7/10 S	7/10 S	5/8 W	3/5 E	3/5 N	2/3 NE
300	3/15 S	2/9 S	1/7 S	2/6 SE	2/6 W	1/5 NE	1/3 NE
Glen	2/8 SW	2/5 S	2/5 SW	2/4 W	2/3 W	1/2 NW	1/2 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	11/7	10/8	11/9	11/10	11/10	11/10	11/10
900	11/8	11/9	12/10	12/11	12/10	12/11	11/11
600	13/10	13/12	14/13	14/13	13/13	13/13	12/12
300	14/14	14/15	16/16	16/16	15/15	14/14	13/14
Glen	16/16	16/17	17/18	17/18	16/17	16/16	15/16
Freezing Level*	3100m	2900m	2900m	2900m	2900m	2900m	3000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Quite windy initially but winds easing in the morning and falling quite light allowing any late afternoon showers to be quite slow moving with localised downpours.

Forecast for Sunday 22 Aug 2021
Weather: Some overnight mist and drizzle will be slow to clear during the morning but some brighter spells breaking through in the afternoon, the best conditions will be found on Skye and ranges in the far west.

Maximum wind: Variable direction 5 mph or less.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, extensive low cloud in the morning will slowly lift and clear, 60% by mid afternoon, likely to be better for Skye.

Visibility: Extensive low cloud in the morning from 4-500m will make navigation difficult, the visibility and cloud will lift and improve during the day with some cloud breaks for most summits by late afternoon. Patches of cloud on Skye around 7-900m

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 rising to 19 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 9 Celsius rising to 13 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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